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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHereas We have been Informed, That a False, Scandalous, and Traiterous Libel, Intituled, An Inquiry into the Causes of the Miscarriage of the *Scotch* Colony at *Darien*, or, An Answer to a Libel, Intituled, A Defence of the *Scots* Abdicating *Darien*, has been Printed and Dispersed, the Design of which Libel was to Create a Misunderstanding between Our good Subjects of England and Scotland, and to Stir up Sedition and Rebellion, and is Injurious to, and Reflects on the Honour of both Nations: And whereas the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, have humbly besought Us, to Issue Our Royal Proclamation for Discovering and Apprehending of the Author and Printer of the said Libel; We therefore (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) have thought fit to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Requiring and Commanding all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend the Author and Printer of the said Libel, to the end they may be dealt withal and proceeded against according to Law. And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That whosoever shall Discover or Apprehend the Author of the said Libel, so as he may be brought to Justice, shall Have and Receive, as a Reward for such Discovery and Apprehending, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds: And that whosoever shall Discover and Apprehend the Printer thereof, so as he may be brought to Justice, shall Have and Receive, as a Reward for such Discovery or Apprehending, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; Which said respective Sums of Five hundred Pounds and Two hundred Pounds, the Commissioners of Our Treasury are hereby Required and Directed to Pay accordingly. And We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That if any Person (other than the Author himself) who was any ways Privy to, or Instrumental in the Printing and Dispersing the said Libel, shall Discover or Apprehend the Author thereof, the Person making such Discovery, or Apprehending the said Author, shall not only have the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds, as aforesaid, but also Our Gracious Pardon for his Offence. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Loving Subjects (as they will answer the contrary at their Perils) that they do not any ways Conceal, but Discover and Apprehend the Author and Printer of the said Libel, to the end they may be Proceeded against with the utmost Severity according to Law.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Twenty ninth Day of *January*, 1699. In the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

Madrid, Jan. 14. *N. S.* The King of *Spain* continues in very good Health; His Catholick Majesty when he was last at the *Escurial* found so much Benefit by the Air there, and was so well pleased with the Place, that he intends to return thither in the Spring. The Count of *Berlips*, who has been at the Courts of *Vienna* and *Brussels* with the Character of the King's Envoy Extraordinary, is lately returned hither. The Count of *Plati*, Gentleman of the Chamber to the King of the *Romans*, being sent hither to notifie the Birth of the young Arch-Dutchess, had Audience some days ago of their Catholick Majesties, and here has been Illuminations and other publick Expressions of Joy on this occasion. The King has lately created Nine Knights of the *Golden Fleece*, *viz.* The Duke *d'Arschot*, the Marquis of *Ribourg*, the Prince of *Rubempre*, the Marquis *de Conflans*, the Marquis *de Pescara*, Prince *Paligniano*, Don *Domingo d'Aguaviva*, Count *Windisgratz*, and Count *Lamberg*; He has made the Marquis of *Laconi* Captain of his Guards, and Don *Thomas d'Arias* Captain-General of the Province of *Guipscoa*. The Conde *Monterey* continues in the King's Disfavour.

Venice, January 22. A Convoy of 12 Ships laden with Stores and Provisions for the *Venetian* Forces in the *Morea*, will sail from hence in a day or two, and Orders have been dispatched to the Captain-General *Cornaro* to send some Men of War to meet them in the Gulph of *Cattaro*, and convoy them to *Napoli di Romania*. An Envoy from the Duke of *Lorrain* to the Duke of *Mantua* arrived here some days ago. Our Letters from *Rome* of the 17th Instant say, the Pope was much better, and had lately signed several Dispatches, and disposed of some vacant Offices, and that 'twas said he would shortly hold a Congregation in his Apartment, to perform the Ceremony of Opening and Shutting the Mouths, and giving the Caps to the new Cardinals. They write from *Messina*, that divers Vessels were sailed out of that Port laden with Corn for *Spain*.

Copenhagen, Jan. 26. The Preparations for fitting out our Fleet very early in the Spring, and the new Levies in this Kingdom, are continued with great Diligence. The Margrave of *Baden-Dourlach* came hither some days ago from *Germany*; He had several Conferences with the King of *Denmark*, and is since gone to the Court of *Sweden*. 'Tis said, the King of *Denmark* intends to borrow 500000 Dollars at Interest, and to assign part of his Revenues in the Province of *South Ditmarsin*, for Repayment thereof.

Vienna, Jan. 20. On the 11th Instant the States of the *Lower Austria* met as usually in the Great Hall of the Palace, and the Emperor being seated under a Canopy, attended by his Great Officers, Count *Bucelini*, Chancellor of the Court, made a Speech, acquainting them with the occasion of their Meeting. The Arch-Duke *Charles*, who has been ill of the Small-pox, is perfectly recovered. The *Turkish* Ambassador has sent from *Raab* one of his Interpreters with a Letter and a Compliment to Count *Guido* of *Staremberg*, President of the Council of War; The Emperor has ap-